

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-12. (Canceled)

13. **(Currently Amended)** A hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor comprising:

a compressor element elastically supported in an enclosed container;

a cup-shaped stopper fixed to an inner upper part of said enclosed container, said cup-shaped stopper having a ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion extending inwardly from an inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper;

a crankshaft associated with said compressor element, with an upper end portion of said crankshaft extending into said cup-shaped stopper, and being spaced from said inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper with no structure existing between said upper end portion and said inner peripheral surface, such that said upper end portion of said ~~crank-shaft~~crankshaft is arranged to contact said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion and said inner peripheral surface upon oscillation of said compressor element; and

a motor element for driving said compressor element,

wherein said curved protrusion has a linear shape, extends along an axial direction of said crankshaft, and is formed along said inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion has an apex and flanks on opposite sides of said apex, with said flanks each having a radius of curvature such that a center of the radius of curvature is positioned outside of said cup-shaped stopper.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

said flanks are generally symmetrical relative to one another about said apex.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 15, wherein

said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion.

17. **(Cancelled)**

18. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 15, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

19. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion.

20. **(Cancelled)**

21. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

22. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion has an apex and flanks on opposite sides of said apex, with said flanks being generally symmetrical relative to one another about said apex.

23. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 22, wherein

said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion.

24. **(Cancelled)**

25. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 22, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

26. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and
said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion.

27. **(Cancelled)**

28. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 26, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

29. **(Cancelled)**

30. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 29, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

31. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~convex-linear~~curved protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth

directions.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper comprises an innermost peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper.

33. **(New)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein said inner peripheral surface is continuous.

34. **(New)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein said cup-shaped stopper includes only one curved protrusion.

35. **(New)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein said curved protrusion is rigid and does not deform upon contact with said crankshaft.